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Applicant: **Marc NAZARE, et al.** Examiner: **SOLOLA, Taofiq A.**
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Dear Sirs:

This paper is in response to the Examiner's non-final Office Action (hereinafter "the Action"), mailed August 22, 2006, in connection with the above-identified patent application. In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claims 1, 8-12, 14 and 18.